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your...you have your hearing aids in? (Laughter)

SENATOR TYSON: No.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Please put them in. (Laugh) Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I really don't think that this bill should be, just because it's about women, I think I said something earlier about we are more than our reproductive parts. Gee, why every time we talk about women why do we have to immediately talk about our reproductive parts? That's not We're trying to keep women healthy, thus, what kills women. keeping the family healthy, thus, keeping men healthy. And by Senator Tyson talking about abortion is a red herring. doesn't have anything to do with abortion. This is women's health, family health, and ultimately men's health. commission, who is working to raise the money that will be needed for this and the focus that is needed for this, will be an asset to the state. North Carolina is a prime example of They have a commission and they were not spending money this. in a particular area, and when they looked at the...where they were spending their money and what women were dying of in the state of North Carolina, they found out that they were spending their money in the wrong place. They advised the director of Health and Human Services Department, the department reprioritized where they were going to spend their money and told the Legislature. Based on fact and data compiled, coordinated and cooperated together and found out where to spend money efficiently. I again ask you, is that not what we are I do not understand why this seems so difficult. about? is something to help and aid the department. It's not a duplication of services. We aren't doing things twice. We're not doing anything twice. What we're doing is aiding the ability of the Health and Human Services System to do the best job they can. That is wrong? I thought that's what we were supposed to do. I don't understand why every woman in this body is not supporting this. I don't understand why every man is not supporting this if they have any response...self-responsibility about how we spend our money and the fiscal responsibility of being a legislator. I truly believe that we are needing to spend our money efficiently and wisely. If we don't do that, then we're not being fiscally responsible to our constituents. The amount of money being asked for in this is a mere pittance.